

Raising the Compulsory Attendance Age in Kentucky

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Answers

1. Can we pass this policy before June 25th with an implementation date of June 25th?

No, policies in reference to laws passed in the last Kentucky General Assembly cannot be passed before June 25th.

The Kentucky Attorney General has now issued OAG 13-005 (attached) which sets the effective date of legislation passed in the 2013 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly:

It follows that legislation (except for general appropriation measures and those containing emergency or delayed effective date provisions) passed during the 2013 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly will be effective on the first moment of Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

Therefore, any board policy passed under non-emergency legislation from the 2013 Regular Session prior to “the first moment of Tuesday, June 25, 2013” may be challenged on its validity, due to the lack of statutory basis for the policy prior to the legislation’s effective date. KDE is therefore recommending that districts wait until the effective date of the legislation to pass their dropout policies.

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2. What is the process for applying for the \$10,000 planning grants?

Step 1 – Passage of Policy

Districts will show passage of policy on or after June 25th 2013

Policies cannot be acted upon before June 25th by Statute

Step 2 – ASSIST (This will be made available June 26th 2013)

- Assurances: Districts will “sign off” on assurances for implementation, thru ASSIST.

Step 3 – Upload documents into ASSIST - Technical guides on website

- Copy of new policy with appropriate signatures uploaded into ASSIST.

Step 4 – Email request to Commissioner’s office

Districts will send email to SB97@education.ky.gov requesting \$10,000 Grant.

Email will indicate steps 1 and 2 have been completed.

Step 5 – KDE Review

KDE will review policy and assurances for certification in accordance with SB 97 Section 1 (b) 4.

Step 6 – Grant Distribution

Schools to be receiving \$10,000 grant notified on a weekly basis starting after July 1, 2013.

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3. *How can I get technical assistance with ASSIST?*

A technical guide for this portion of ASSIST is available on the [Compulsory Attendance Website](#).

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4. *How will KDE determine order of applications for the grant money?*

The date and time of the email to SB97 mailbox will serve as the timestamp for the grant process.

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5. *Will my district be penalized an hour if we are in the Central Time Zone?*

No, time zones will be taken into consideration when time stamping emails

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6. *Can we have an “emergency meeting” to pass this policy?*

No. Since this policy will not take affect in your district until the 2015-16 school year, passage of this policy is not considered an immediate issue requiring an emergency board meeting.

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7. *Can our board have a “midnight meeting” on June 25th?*

KDE is not recommending or deterring schools from having such meetings.

Districts are advised to follow all regulations and statutes regarding board meetings and anything related to those meetings. (Example: posting of meeting time and place, agenda postings, etc.)

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8. *When will we know if we are one of the districts to receive the planning grant?*

We will begin notifying districts on a WEEKLY basis, starting after July 1st